#### Sheep Interest.

#### THE OVERSHADOWING QUES-TION.

Reproducing a paragraph from The great overshadowing question now? le Hon. G. A. Converse's speech at the tional Wool-Growers' association and Telegraph. al meeting, 1885." To understand this s necessary to remember that the W. is a free-trade publication, that it tion .- [ National Stockman.

main value of sheep was the tallow their carcasses, and immense mobs e been sold, in years gone past, for version in the boiling-down pot. The ow was the profit of their boiler down; pelts paid for driving, slaughtering and purchase price. But even the bolldown value is not in the animals ch no small number of sheep owners uld be glad to be quit of just now. sheep are poor in condition, and r owners see every prospect of a tertehes of country, not pastoral country

#### farm Topics.

#### CARE OF AN APPLE ORCHARD.

he lack of manure and cultivation la general lack of proper care for hards are the causes, in a great part, their sterility. Neglected orchards duce small quantities of small, poortrees will then be vigorous and will end to the trade in bogus butter: wit by a good growth of wood and dsome fruit. When the trees do not assistance of fertilizers and cultiva-.--probably, also, judicious pruning, rms and insects .- [Vick's Magazine.

#### NEW AND OLD HAY.

so disposing of the hay in the barn that imposed upon, and health endangered. the surplus may either be sold or fed out would have ample warning. In this we the second year. It is no uncommon do not yield a particle as to the desirathing for farmers to speak of stored bay bility and legality of taxing the stuff to belief that it is fully as good or better but simply confess we live in a republican ockman in which we noted an improved than when first cut, which, from the government, and can't get half we want mand for sheep, Colman's Rural World above authority, would seem to be er- either on that and many other subjects, s; "We are disposed to ask what is roneous. And still farmers will hardly and so in some things must be content. think of giving up holding a little sur- for a while, with the good we can get.

WHEN TO PICK EARLY FRUITS.

Early apples and pears are now ripenliculed Mr. Converse's efforts for tariff ing, and where there is a surplus they toration, and that it had no rebuke for should be attended to before they are vered. The advance in prices has not the stem of the fruit will break away ar been sufficient to make wool-grow- from the twig to which it is attached. profitable, but growers have grown With fruit maturity is a distinct stage, fident that, in spite of the R. W. and and ripeness or mellowness another. er opposing influences, they will at Early fruit generally if picked when mat retain their present protection, with ture will be ripe and mellow by the time re than a fighting chance of doing it reaches the consumer. Fruit picked at aporary shortage of supplies abroad, is much better than if allowed to remain put them in better spirits. Wool- on the tree until "dead ripe." When wers are, with great unanimity, of picked in the latter condition it is rotten opinion that the greatest menace to when it reaches the consumer, and will ir business lies in cheap foreign pro- not sell near as well. This is especially true of pears. This fruit, if intended only for home use is much superior in HEEP HUSBANDRY IN AUSTRA- flavor and quality if it is picked when mature and ripened in the house. All The Sydney Journal says: It is not fruit sent to market should be carefully first time that sheep have been sold assorted. Early fruits decay early, and critices of the kind made under such buyers in the best shape possible. Early ressing circumstances as exist at this apples and pears will not find so sharp and put them in market in good shape.

#### TWO FARMERS.

Two farmers we know, own their farms which join. One farm contains fifty acres, the other one hundred and ten. The farms are in New England. Farmer A. with his tifty acres has time to go to church, to the picnic and grange. Time and again, while out riding with his family, he passes by Farmer B. toiling in y hard winter, following three or the field with never a thought for anyre predecessors each of which was thing but labor. Farmer A's wife has a se than the former. It is no mere horse of her own, which she can drive as are of speech now to say that immense she likes. The boys and girls have books and magazines and the time to v, but farming country as well, are as read them. Mrs. B, has to beg for days as the wheel tracks that meander for a horse, and then must take the old ough them. There are those who be- mare that can only be induced to hasten e or affect to believe, that this deplor- out of her slow walk by a thorough apstate of things is due to carelessness, plication of the stick. Every rod of the at of skill, overstocking, or some other smaller farm does its work. Manure is iciency of management on the part of a respected friend. The crops raised are k owners; but, like many other im- those that sell for cash. The soil does tant factors in existence, there is but not run out because the farmer makes a nodicum of facts in such charges, business of keeping it up. On the larger careful, the painstaking, and the farm there are weedy pastures. The ma-Iful are suffering equally with the nure is put into small strips of the best ers from the distressing visitation all land. The grass is never fertilized. colonies are afflicted with, and New The soil is expected to make up in area ith Wales by no means the least, what it lacks in quality. Farmer B. en rain does not fall during the sea- makes money, for he never spends any. of growth, cultivated land suffers He looks across at his neighbor and ally with that under indigenous sneers. Do these extra horses, these Nor are the effects of pro- books and papers pay? Not a cent in ged drought the only difficul- cash. Farmer A. puts it like this: in the way of the producers "Neighbor B's idea of true profit is difthe country at this time. The wretchs ferent from mine-that's all. He wants state of the wool market is only a less. his in hard cash; I'm ready to spend a vil. But it is ruinous none the less, part of mine in comfort. I can't spend the hope which bouyed many that the my money to better advantage than in tom was touched during the sales at making my family contented. I could end of last year has to be abandoned. save this money and buy more land, but values of wool are still downward. I like my little farm. I feed it and it much lower they may go is beyond keeps it strength. Why should I spend ulation by the most shrewd amongst the best part of my life in continually What the end is to be no man can grubbing for money that will never benefit me?" Now, friends, which plan do you like best? Which are you following? What is your idea of true profit? vested in happiness? Think it over .-Rural New Yorker.

#### THE OLEOMARGARINE BILL.

The following, from Hoard's Dairyman, an influential Western journal, conavored and poorly-ripened fruit, firms the opinion we have hertofore exorchard should be supplied with all pressed, that the oleomargarine law as it manure the trees can appreciate, and stands is all that is required to put an

"The bill as amended by the Senate reducing the tax to two cents per pound, ke a free growth of wood it is certain and making some other slight amendt they are in ill condition and need ments, was finally accepted by the House and goes to the President for signature. In expressing our doubts and fears ming the bark and the destruction of very briefly last week, about the value of the law, emasculated as we feared it might be, it was not because of the lowering of the tax altogether, we deplored has generally been considered, and so much, as the other amendments that ecially so among stablemen, that good we did not know the scope of that would lost nothing by being kept for a con- weaken the efficiency of its execution. rable length of time. In fact, a dif- While we agree with Senator Edmunds nce in price of hay of one year's that we would "be glad to tax out of ping and new hay is made in favor of existence all cheats, frauds, humbugs former of from three to five dollars, and liars, and oleomargarine is one of the Scottish Agricultural Gazette them," we have been aware, knowing s that after the second year hay of the cheapness with which the stuff can kind declines in value. At the Lon- be made, and the price to which butter Farmers' club Mr. Woodward said: goes during some portions of every year, have never yet heard a practical man that not even a ten cent tax would tax it that old hay, to his knowledge and to death. This being the fact, the ef, deteriorated in value after the change in the amount of tax we look upd, fifth and seventh year; but my on as only an incident in the fight, to were opened upon that point during getting the vital principle of governmenlast autumn. I went to the Midland tal supervision over the factories, and way stores, where they cut chaff over its direct sales, safely incorporated ry week for 500 horses. I saw the in the law. Let that be done, and the whole

that is four, five and six years old, in the death, as we do the issues of State banks:

plus for emergencies. Germantown "On this principle we say we are glad the House yielded. For had it not, we should, in all probability, have had nothing; and so oleo would have had another free run of two years more, at least,

"So to fairly distribute our swearing crison's effort to destroy the tariff en- too ripe. In a near-by market these and rejoicing, the Senate may have the ly. The "overshadowing question fruits if properly handled can be disposed first, because it did not stand up square y" is, How long can we hold our mar- of at a profit. For marketing the fruit for the House bill, and the House may ts against the breaking force of for- should be matured, i.e., full grown when have the latter for doing just as well as importations? That will be just gathered, but should not have had time it could; and we may congratulate the til prices here rise to the importing to become mellow. When an apple or whole butter-making and butter-eating int, or until foreign stocks of wool pear is mature it readily parts from the people of the United States that we n be increased and prices abroad are tree. If lifted to a horizontal position have legal hooks in the Leviathan's throat.

#### The Household.

#### HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

In canning tomatoes, if you wish them to keep, as of course you do, reject every ter; and this confidence, with the the right time and ripened off the tree lumpy or solid portion. Then, by using the same care as with fruit, your tomatoes will keep equally as well.

Do you know how much nicer tomatoes for the table are when peeled with a sharp knife than when the skins are loosened by pouring boiling water on them? They are very much nicer when kept on ice till they are needed for the

Into a quart of warm water put five 12 cents a head; but never before in in managing them it is best to study the drops of ammonia; with a stiff bristle the varied history of the colony were matter carefully and present them to brush give the engraved parts of your silver a brisk brushing, and polish dry with a flannel cloth. If silver is washed e. There have been occasions when competition from peaches this year as in this way daily, it will not need a common, and it will pay to look after scouring with whiting, etc., every two weeks.-[Michigan Farmer.

#### WOMAN'S UNNECESSARY WORK.

A sensible writer in an exchange says: "I am convinced that at least one-quarter of the work performed by women is unnecessary, and that the world would get along quite as well without it." I am inclined to go further still, and put it at one-half. "I never find time to read," said a lady, at whose house I was calling, and at the same time she sadly threaded a needle with chenille, and remarking that some people had so much leisure, she continued her work of embroidering impossible yellow peaches on a red plush mantle scarf. It had not even the merit of economy, for the materials were as expensive as they were hideous. Any work that serves to make home a charming and lovable place is a sacred duty to a wife and mother; but that which contributes to no comfort or enjoyment, frightful fancy work that has not even any artistic merit, is, indeed, a waste of time and energy-"busy idle-

Husbands undoubtedly like to feel that their wives are good housekeepers, but husbands are very human, and once let a woman sink the wife in the housekeeper, and her husband will very likely fall into the same error. The "overclean" woman is a nuisance to her family and friends. I once overheard a conversation wives belonged to the above class, and, though estimable women, were about as close to godliness as cleanliness could take them. It was during the season of that annual horror-"house-cleaning," and they were condoling with each other upon its miseries. They both voted it an entirely unnecessary evil, and one of them said that during its progress at his house everything was so wet that he always felt as if there was an incipient flood, while his friend said he could endure the water, it was the smell of yellow soap that he objected to.

Is your money in the bank, or is it in-A woman should never allow herself when she finds that she has no time to read an occasional good book, to write a letter to a friend, to read a story to the children, or to walk or talk with her husband, she may conclude that there is something wrong somewhere in her domestic economy, and the more quickly she recognizes and remedies the evil, the better it will be for herself and family. If she is obliged to do her own family sewing, every tuck and ruffle that she puts on her children's clothes is a crime. The hour or hours spent in making an elaborate dress that baby willBlook "loves ly" in, is a waste of energy that a mother who does her own work cannot afford. Baby will look quite as lovely in her eyes in a plain slip, and if he has only Jis elaborate dress to recommend him to the eyes of others, he might rather pass unnoticed. Give the matter serious thought, oh tired housekeeper; and see if you do not daily take many unnecessary steps, and do much that you might, without injury to any one, leave undone. Rest your body and improve your mind, keeping your face and heart as fresh as possible, as you value the love of your husband and children.

Since this is a chapter of quotations, I will end it with the remark made by a sarcastic gentleman: "Women seem to me to be divided into two classes, the over industrious, and the over-in lolent, and of the two evils, I would choose the latter as being the least."-[Cor. Rural New Yorker.

ry week for 500 horses. I saw the nager and he immediately said: 'If machinery of the law be known and executed, as is the law in regard to whise care to buy it after the second key now, then those who are now exert.' This suggests the necessity of posed to be swindled and their stomachs.

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